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Meeting Minutes - Approved DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, June 15, 2023

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 215 (Madison Municipal Building)

Audio recording of the meeting is available on Madison City Channel

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Michael E. Verveer; Juliana R. Bennett; Adam J. Plotkin; Ted Crabb; MGR Govindarajan; Davy Mayer; Sandra J. Torkildson and Stephen Smith
Excused: 1 - Ryan J. Horton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Crabb, seconded by Smith, to Approve the May 18, 2023 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61242](#) Public Comment

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

2. [75583](#) Report of Mall Concourse Maintenance and Special Events 2023

Mark Kiesow, Mall Concourse Maintenance, discussed fountain cleaning and repair needs, work related to bus shelter removal. Crabb expressed frustration that no plan is in place for the shelter areas. Smith noted bolts were protruding and are a tripping hazard. Torkildson asked if furniture could be put in the area temporarily. Ald. Verveer suggested taking up the Metro Transit stop closures and future use of space agenda item next. Kiesow discussed events including the Madison Night Market, Cars on State and Cows on Concourse, and the closure of the square during the Dane County Farmers Market. He then provided an update on the construction staging area for the Wisconsin History Museum, which includes the potential loss of a number of street trees. Ald. Verveer requested this as a future agenda item. Kiesow discussed with the TID 50 electric upgrades to the kiosks.

3. [73210](#) Future of State Street Discussion

Dan McAuliffe, Planning Division, discussed additional survey outreach and survey response data, and answered questions about response rates. Plotkin asked about a

potential recommendation from the DCC. McAuliffe stated the next step would be for DCC to make a recommendation and then if an alder is interested in pursuing a closure, they sponsor a resolution. Ald. Bennett then discussed introducing a resolution to for a pilot closure and some of the issues to be addressed in the future. Several members added thoughts about the resolution, including potential referrals and schedule. There was further discussion about painting street as a potential placemaking strategy.

4. [78309](#)

Metro Transit Stop Closures and Future Use of Space

McAuliffe gave a brief overview of the often competing interests in the spaces now available since the transit stops were removed, as well as the spaces now available on the Capitol Square and State Street, and asked the committee to share their overall priorities before looking at the spaces individually. Ald. Bennett discussed using spaces to address existing issues and add public art. Meyer asked about the potential additional of street vending. Ald. Govindarajan suggested adding a B-Cycle station on State Street. Ald. Verveer asked about coordination with the Street Vending Coordinator and potential outdoor dining areas. Mark Kiesow discussed the irrigation controls and the potential for a temporary fix with movable furniture or fixtures and a permanent fix approach. Ald. Bennett asked how the process would engage stakeholders and the future process. McAuliffe discussed continuing the discussing at the next meeting after more in-depth coordination with various agency staff. Torkildson suggested using the State Street murals as kiosks or installations.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Verveer, to Adjourn at 7:22 pm.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**